

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A digital camera for recording to a recording medium an image file including a main-image and a size-reduced image which correspond to a subject taken, comprising:

a first transmitter for transmitting to an external storage device the image file recorded in said recording medium;

an eraser for erasing from said recording medium the image file ~~recorded in said recording medium~~ transmitted by said first transmitter except for the size-reduced image;

a displayer for displaying the size-reduced image(s) remaining in said recording medium when a display operation is carried out;

a receiver for receiving, when a desired image is selected from among the size-reduced image(s) displayed by said displayer, the image file including the desired size-reduced image from said external storage device; and

a recorder for recording to said recording medium the image file received by said receiver.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 12, wherein said eraser includes a size-reduced image extractor for extracting the size-reduced image from the image file, a file eraser for erasing the image file after an extracting process of the size-reduced image extractor, and a size-reduced image recorder for recording to said recording medium the size-reduced image extracted by said size-reduced image extractor.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 12, further comprising an image file selector for selecting a desired image file from said recording medium, wherein said first transmitter transmits the desired image file, and said eraser erases from said recording medium the desired image file except for the size-reduced image included in the desired image file.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 12, further comprising an adder for adding to the image file print-job information which requests a printing operation, prior to transmitting the image file.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 12, further comprising:

a detector for detecting a relationship in magnitude between a vacant capacity of said external storage device and a size of the image file to be transmitted; and

a second transmitter for transmitting an extension request for the vacant capacity to said external storage device based on a result of detection by said detector, wherein said first

transmitter transmits the image file after the vacant capacity has been extended in response to the extension request

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 12, further comprising:

a prompter for prompting the vacant capacity to extend when the vacant capacity is lower than the size; and

an instructor for instructing an extension of the vacant capacity, wherein said second transmitter transmits the extension request in response to an instruction by said instructor.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 17, wherein the capacity of said external storage device is on sale on a predetermined-size basis, and the instruction of said instructor is an instruction for purchasing a capacity of the predetermined size.